WENDOVER AIR FORCE BASE, HEADQUARTERS BUILDING HABS NO. UT-125-G (Base Operation Building) (Building No. 426) South of Interstate 20 Wendover Tocele County Utah

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This headquarters building was built by the Army in 1942 adjacent to the anchorage apron as part of the "blitz" construction program which followed the March 1942 activation of Wendover Field as an independent air base. It is a "Theatre of Operations - Continental," "Semi-Permanent" type of construction. The original building contained 3383 square feet and was built for \$6400.00; 3427 square feet were added in 1956 for \$10,748.11.

This building has continued in use connected with the anchorage area--the property having been outgranted to the state of Utah, the Federal Aviation Authority, and the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Basically rectangular in plan with an offset wing facing south, the long section measures 100 feet along its north wall. Along the south, the west wing is 20 feet by 36 feet; the central wing is 10 feet by 20 feet; while the east wing is 26 feet by 40 feet. The center portion of #426 is a two-story structure with a gable-end facing south. The foundation is concrete; the floors are sheet vinyl on wood, while the walls are wood framed clad with horizontal wood siding. The gabled roofs have exposed rafter and asphalt roll roofing. The predominant window type is 1/1 double-hung wood sash.

Heated by its own coal-fired hot air furnace, the interior is divided into 12 irregularly

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organized rooms on the main floor. The central area has an open plan, presumably for clerical work space, while the east and west wings are partitioned for office and records storage use. Among the interior features are restrooms, a water fountain, and 30 incandescent lights. Building 426 has been well maintained and appears to be in excellent condition.

